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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

A translation of German application No. DE 199 03 693 A1 may be found in the specification of U.S. Patent application No. 09/295,316, filed on April 21, 1999. German application No. DE 199 03 693 A1 is also discussed in the instant specification at page 1, line 7, to page 2, line 5; page 2, line 29, to page 3, line 24; and page 7, lines 12-15.

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A translation of European application No. EP 1 059 359 A2 may be found in the specification of U.S. Patent application No. 09/591,338, filed on June 9, 2000.

A translation of European application No. EP 1 074 615 A1 may be found in the specification of U.S. Patent application No. 09/632,627, filed on August 4, 2000.

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